

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Committee Meetings

REAUTHORIZATION OF THE U.S. GRAIN STANDARDS ACT

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management held a hearing to review reauthorization of the U.S. Grain Standards Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

REAUTHORIZATION OF THE LIVESTOCK MANDATORY REPORTING ACT

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture held a hearing to review reauthorization of the Livestock Mandatory Reporting Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Appropriations: Full Committee held a markup on Energy and Water Appropriations Bill, FY 2016; and Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Bill, FY 2016; and a Report on the Suballocation of Budget Allocations for FY 2016. The Energy and Water Appropriations Bill, FY 2016 was ordered reported, as amended. The Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Bill, FY 2016 was ordered reported, as amended. The Report on the Suballocation of Budget Allocations for FY 2016 passed, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities held a markup on H.R. 1735, the “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016”. H.R. 1735 was forwarded to the full committee, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held a markup on H.R. 1735, the “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016”. H.R. 1735 was forwarded to the full committee, without amendment.

EXAMINING THE CHALLENGES FACING NATIVE AMERICAN SCHOOLS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education held a hearing entitled “Examining the Challenges Facing Native American Schools”. Testimony was heard from Melissa Emrey-Arras, Director of Education, Workforce, and Income

Security Issues, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a markup on the “Ratepayer Protection Act”. The “Ratepayer Protection Act” was forwarded to the full committee, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade held a markup on the “Targeting Rogue and Opaque Letters (TROL) Act”. The “Targeting Rogue and Opaque Letters (TROL) Act” was forwarded to the full committee, as amended.

A SURVEY OF GLOBAL TERRORISM AND TERRORIST FINANCING

Committee on Financial Services: Task Force to Investigate Terrorism Financing held a hearing entitled “A Survey of Global Terrorism and Terrorist Financing”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NUCLEAR AGREEMENT WITH IRAN: CAN’T TRUST, CAN WE VERIFY?

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Nuclear Agreement with Iran: Can’t Trust, Can We Verify?”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSFORMATION: TIER RANKINGS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a hearing entitled “Accountability and Transformation: Tier Rankings in the Fight Against Human Trafficking”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

POACHING AND TERRORISM: A NATIONAL SECURITY CHALLENGE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade held a hearing entitled “Poaching and Terrorism: A National Security Challenge”. Testimony was heard from Judith G. Garber, Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Oceans and International and Environmental and Scientific Affairs, Department of State; Robert Dreher, Associate Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; and John Cruden, Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice.

STRATEGIC PERSPECTIVES ON THE BIOTERRORISM THREAT

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications held a hearing entitled “Strategic Perspectives on the Bioterrorism Threat”. Testimony was heard from Marisa Raphael, Deputy Commissioner, Office of Emergency Planning and Response, New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; and public witnesses.

ACQUISITION OVERSIGHT: HOW EFFECTIVELY IS DHS SAFEGUARDING TAXPAYER DOLLARS?

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Oversight and Management Efficiency held a hearing entitled “Acquisition Oversight: How Effectively Is DHS Safeguarding Taxpayer Dollars?”. Testimony was heard from Michele Mackin, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, Government Accountability Office; Chip Fulghum, Acting Deputy Undersecretary for Management and Chief Financial Officer, Department of Homeland Security; and a public witness.

INNOVATIONS IN SAFETY SINCE THE 2010 MACONDO INCIDENT

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Innovations in Safety Since the 2010 Macondo Incident”. Testimony was heard from Vice Admiral Brian Salerno (USCG, Retired), Director, Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION’S PART 83 REVISIONS AND HOW THEY MAY ALLOW THE INTERIOR DEPARTMENT TO CREATE TRIBES, NOT RECOGNIZE THEM

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Indian, Insular, and Alaska Native Affairs held a hearing entitled “The Obama Administration’s Part 83 Revisions and How They May Allow the Interior Department to Create Tribes, not Recognize Them”. Testimony was heard from Senator Blumenthal; Kevin K. Washburn, Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

EXAMINING THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY’S EXCESS URANIUM MANAGEMENT PLAN

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on the Interior held a hearing entitled “Examining the Department of Energy’s Excess Uranium Management Plan”. Testimony was heard from John Kotek, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary,

Office of Nuclear Energy, Department of Energy; David Trimble, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; and a public witness.

ENHANCING CYBERSECURITY OF THIRD-PARTY CONTRACTORS AND VENDORS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Enhancing Cybersecurity of Third-Party Contractors and Vendors”. Testimony was heard from Tony Scott, Chief Information Officer and Administrator, Office of Electronic Government and Information Technology, Office of Management and Budget; Donna K. Seymour, Chief Information Officer, Office of Personnel Management; Gregory C. Wilshusen, Director of Information Security Issues, Government Accountability Office; and Eric A. Fischer, Senior Specialist in Science and Technology, Congressional Research Service.

AMERICA COMPETES REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2015

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1806, the “America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2015”. H.R. 1806 was ordered reported, as amended.

**SMALL BUSINESS, BIG THREAT
PROTECTING SMALL BUSINESSES FROM CYBER ATTACKS**

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Small Business, Big Threat: Protecting Small Businesses from Cyber Attacks”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

A REVIEW OF THE PRESIDENT’S FISCAL YEAR 2016 BUDGET REQUEST FOR THE UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS AND TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing entitled “A Review of the President’s Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Request for the United States Army Corps of Engineers and Tennessee Valley Authority”. Testimony was heard from Jo-Ellen Darcy, Assistant Secretary of the Army, Civil Works; Lieutenant General Thomas P. Bostick, Chief of Engineers, Army Corps of Engineers; and William Johnson, President and Chief Executive Officer, Tennessee Valley Authority.

PHILADELPHIA AND OAKLAND: SYSTEMIC FAILURES AND MISMANAGEMENT

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Philadelphia and Oakland: Systemic Failures and Mismanagement". Testimony was heard from Linda Halliday, Assistant Inspector General for Audits and Evaluations, Office of Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs; Danny G.I. Pummill, Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Benefits, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

THE 2015 TAX FILING SEASON AND GENERAL OPERATIONS AT THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on the 2015 tax filing season and general operations at the Internal Revenue Service. Testimony was heard from John Koskinen, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service.

THE EXPANDING AMERICAN TRADE WITH ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a hearing on the expanding American trade with accountability and transparency. Testimony was heard from Penny S. Pritzker, Secretary, Department of Commerce; Jacob J. Lew, Secretary, Department of the Treasury; and Thomas J. Vilsack, Secretary, Department of Agriculture.

UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR INTELLIGENCE BUDGET

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Department of Defense Intelligence and Overhead Architecture held a hearing on Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence budget. This hearing was closed.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Department of Health and Human Services, 10 a.m., SD-124.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine surface transportation reauthorization, focusing on building on the successes of the Mov-

ing Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) to deliver safe, efficient, and effective public transportation services and projects, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security, to hold hearings to examine Federal Aviation Administration reauthorization, focusing on airport issues and infrastructure financing, 9:45 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Health Care, to hold hearings to examine the impact of the medical device tax on jobs, innovation, and patients, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Anne Elizabeth Wall, of Illinois, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury, Brodi L. Fontenot, of Louisiana, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of the Treasury, and Rafael J. Lopez, of California, to be Commissioner on Children, Youth, and Families, Department of Health and Human Services, 2 p.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health Policy, to hold hearings to examine the Africa Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA), 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 993, to increase public safety by facilitating collaboration among the criminal justice, juvenile justice, veterans treatment services, mental health treatment, and substance abuse systems, and the nominations of Sally Quillian Yates, of Georgia, to be Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice, Kara Farnandez Stoll, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit, and Roseann A. Ketchmark, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Missouri, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Immigration and the National Interest, to hold hearings to examine the Administration's Central American minors refugee/parole program, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: business meeting to consider S. 552, to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to provide for increased limitations on leverage for multiple licenses under common control, S. 957, to increase access to capital for veteran entrepreneurs to help create jobs, S. 958, to amend the Small Business Act to provide for team and joint venture offers for certain contracts, S. 966, to extend the low-interest refinancing provisions under the Local Development Business Loan Program of the Small Business Administration, S. 967, to require the Small Business Administration to make information relating to lenders making covered loans publicly available, S. 999, to amend the Small Business Act to provide for improvements to small business development centers, S. 1001, to establish authorization levels for general business loans for fiscal years 2015 and 2016, and an original bill entitled, "SCORE for Small Business Act of 2015", 10 a.m., SR-428A.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.